



## Fishing Guide and Rules

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Please approach fishing in our estate with the safety and sustainability of our fish population and environment in mind. If you have young children who fish, please supervise them until you are confident they can do so without posing a danger to themselves and the wildlife.

### THE RULES

1. Fishing is strictly on a catch-and-release basis.
2. No swimming or wading in the lakes.
3. Absolutely no littering. Please use the bins provided.
4. Respect fellow anglers, as well as residents.
5. A maximum of two rods per angler unless otherwise specified during a particular event or time of year.
6. Rods should NEVER be left unattended when lines are in the water.
7. If an electronic alarm is being used, it needs to be set on LOW so as not to disturb other anglers and residents.
8. You may only use barbless or micro hooks. No bent rig hooks of ANY kind.
9. Only one hook per rig.
10. You may not tie a feeder, sinker leads, or leaders onto the mainline via a swivel; there should **NEVER** be a swivel tied to your mainline above the sinker or feeder. This is called a fixed or death rig and is strictly prohibited. If the line breaks, the lead or feeder must be able to slide off. We treasure our fish and want to keep them safe.
11. Use proper braid for mainlines only since our crabs love to eat mono lines.
12. Mono lines are strictly prohibited as a mainline.
13. Mono lines should only be used as a leader, with a minimum breaking strain of 15 kg.
14. It is strongly advised that a good-sized, soft, knotless landing net is utilised when landing a fish.
15. It is strongly advised that an unhooking mat is used when fishing for the larger species to protect our fish. If it is hot, keep the fish wet while unhooking.
16. All fish caught must be handled and treated with the utmost care during capture. A bucket of dam water must always be available to keep the fish wet while out of the water. An angler's hands must be wet first before handling our fish. The acid on your skin destroys the mucous layer that protects the fish from disease and bacteria.
17. When taking a photo of your catch, do not lift the fish high; instead, use a kneeling stance.
18. No keep-nets allowed, and fish should be returned as quickly and safely as possible.

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19. Please ensure that good quality bait is used. Live bait, uncooked bait, and imitation bait, such as plastic mielies, are strictly prohibited.
20. The use of a carp care kit is strongly encouraged. We request that you apply antiseptic to treat the mouth and other abrasions.
21. The use of lip or Boga grips is strictly prohibited.
22. Our security team and various fishing club members will do regular inspections to ensure adherence to these rules.
23. Guests may only fish with a resident present.

These rules have been formulated with the interests and well-being of our wildlife and the preservation of our fish stock. Failure to abide by these rules may result in a penalty and/or a temporary or permanent ban on fishing in our estate.

## THE LAKES

Periodically, certain lakes will have a **“No Fishing”** sign posted for ecological reasons. Compliance with these signs must always be observed.

The lakes contain Sharptooth Catfish, Grass Carp, Carp, Koi, Largemouth Bass, Mozambique Tilapia, Smallmouth Bass, Smallmouth Yellowfish, Catfish, Red Breasted Tilapia, Banded Tilapia, Canary Kurper, Blue Gill Sunfish, Southern Mouth Brooders.



## WINDY LAKE

A deep, bowl-shaped lake with steeply sloping sides and little structure.

## **CON DAM**

A relatively deep lake, with submerged rock piles at the inlet and reeds and bulrushes flanked by deep water on the opposite bank. The bottom of the lake is clear of obstruction. Although small and deceptively challenging to fish, this lake offers the most diverse range of species of all the lakes on the Estate.

## **CARP COVE**

A long, large lake, with an average depth of 1.8m to 2.2m. The lake contains several large, submerged rock piles, with a shallower rocky area near the outflow. A section of the bank closest to The Tadpoles is lined with submerged concrete and drops off vertically. The lake has a lot of submerged vegetation, making fighting and landing fish very challenging. This lake is fast becoming the favoured bass dam, with a healthy population of Largemouth Bass (the most prominent known bass in the lake is a Florida Strain Largemouth over 4.5 kg).

## **THE TADPOLES**

Holds little to no fish and dries up in winter.

## **PLOVERS POND**

This lake is shallower on the inlet side, deepening towards the clubhouse and outflow. The island is surrounded by old concrete curbs, creating ideal habitat for Largemouth Bass. The lake is also home to our most famous fish, Dougie, a gigantic orange Koi-Grass Carp weighing more than 15 kg! Anglers are requested not to target Dougie when fly-fishing. He is one of the oldest residents and has earned the right to be left in peace.

**FISHING IN PLOVERS POND IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED ANYWHERE NEAR THE CLUBHOUSE AREA, INDICATED IN RED ON THE MAP**

## **LAKE WILLOWMERE**

Our largest and most established lake. There are submerged rocks up to about two meters from the bank; after that, the bottom is relatively structure-free, making the lake ideal for bottom fishing. If you want to target specimen fish, this lake is for you! It holds an abundance of Carp in the 3 to 4kg range with a recorded specimen of over 17 kg, Catfish 12kg+ and Grass Carp up to 17kg. Big shoals of Mozambique Tilapia can sometimes be seen on the surface in the summer, with specimens exceeding 2kg. The largemouth bass in the lake are difficult to catch, but perseverance will reward the angler with much larger bass usually caught in the other lakes.

## **LAKE LEGUAAN**

There be monsters! This lake consists of two parts. The lake is heavily reeded and contains much structure, including rock piles, tree stumps, water grass and even an old rowing boat somewhere in the depths. The lake is reportedly up to six meters deep in certain sections. The species most often targeted in this lake is Large Mouth Bass, as the structure makes angling for other species very difficult. The lake also holds gigantic catfish, the largest specimen seen was estimated to be over 20 kg! The lake also includes Carp, Mozambique Tilapia, Banded Tilapia, and Blue Gill Sunfish.

## **PADDA DAM**

A relatively small lake shallow at the inlet, deepening to the outflow. The bottom is free of structure.

## **BASS CREEK**

This lake is deepest at the inlet, becoming shallower toward the island, deepening again toward the bench of the far side. A beautifully positioned fishing platform has been created on the one bank near the inlet.

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